



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2008

The August 19, 2008 meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by the Chairperson, Margery F. Rodgers, PT. Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Donald Novak, PT
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Administrative Officer
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Teresa Thornton, Investigator

Absent:

Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

Margery Rodgers, PT, Board Chair thanked the Board members and staff for their response to her memorandum dated September 5, 2008, in reference to appropriate dress. Board Meeting Attire

Expense Sheets were handed out and collected. Expense Sheets

Mrs. Tyminski added Maryland Health Care Commission proposed regulations to the agenda. Agenda

The minutes of the meeting held on August 19th were approved as corrected and amended. Minutes

Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Patricia A. Noble from the Board of Nursing in reference to INR's. Ms. Noble states that the position of the Nursing Board is that this function is outside the scope of the practice of Physical Therapy. Physical Therapists do not possess the clinical knowledge to manage the results, i.e. deciding when to call a physician, acting on orders received and patient responses to interventions, etc. Mrs. Tyminski will respond in a letter to the Nursing Board.

Nursing
and INRs

Justin Elliott sent an e-mail to Mrs. Tyminski on APTA's position/opinion on finger sticks. APTA does not yet have an official position on this issue, but does recognize that PTs do perform such tests. PTs should only perform the test when it directly relates to the patient's physical therapy treatment as defined by the physical therapy plan of care.

APTA &
INRs

In a letter to the Board, Melissa Lodhi submitted her certificate and outline for Trigger Point Dry Needling, sponsored by Myopain Seminars. Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson went on-line to research this course and noted that the course has two parts, A and B, to be completed for competency. Ms. Lodhi will need to complete part B of the course for certification.

Dry
Needling

Mrs. Tyminski gave a memo to the Board in reference to an increase in renewal fees due to rising costs charged by the Department. The proposed increase for PT renewals is from \$175 to \$225, PTAs from \$150 to \$170. The Board voted to authorize the increases. Mrs. Tyminski estimated that this raise in fees will carry the Board through, at least, the next two renewal periods. The increase will be put on the web site and in the next newsletter.

Renewal
Fees

In a memo to Margery Rodgers, PT, Board Chairperson, James P. Johnson, Deputy Secretary for Operations responded to the Board's concerns about double billing for rent during the move to the third floor. Deputy Secretary Johnson stated that he is unwilling to revise expenditures for rent. The Board has no other options to pursue.

Rent

John Baker, PT distributed material on his research of telemedicine. He suggested that the Board review the material for the October Board Meeting. The Board stated that this is an adjunct to care on a case by case basis.

Telemedicine

Donald Novak, PT reported on information the Board received on Neurocranial Restructuring which contained a letter and DVD. The DVD contained a six minute demonstration of how Dean Howell, MD believes the cranium gets out of line. Dr. Howell inserts a balloon in the nose and manipulates a specific bone at a cost of \$700 - \$900. Ninety five percent of the students are Chiropractors. There is no scientific evidence to back this procedure. The Board will send a letter and DVD to the Physicians Board for their opinion.

Neurocranial
Restructuring

Task Force members and dates of meetings were distributed.

Task Force

FSBPT is looking for volunteers to help with their newest version of the Practice Review Tool for Orthopedics. The Federation is looking for PTs interested in developing the content of this new tool. Interested parties should respond via e-mail to practicereview@fsbpt.org with activities and dates of interest, along with a resume or CV.

Practice
Review
Tool

Paul Simonetti, PT sent an e-mail asking the Board if a client arrives with a referral from their physician bearing the letterhead of another physical therapy company, is the treating therapist required to solicit a new referral form on their own letterhead. The Board's answer was no. He will be reminded that physical therapists in Maryland have direct access and may accept referrals or not.

Referral

In an e-mail, Penny Heisler forwarded the proposed Maryland Health Care Commission Regulations that allow that Commission to distribute certain information from the Boards' licensure databases. Ms. Bethman said these regulations are approved by the AG's office.

MHCC

Educational Session

The Board discussed some questions submitted by Lori Mizell at last months meeting. The questions were in reference to the Board's operations.

Questions

1. Why don't we do a criminal background check as a pre-requisite to license?
Although this might be helpful, the Board does not have legislative authority to perform criminal background checks.
2. Applicants can put "comments" on the testing survey when they take
The national licensing exam. Where do those comments go? Do we ever get any?
Most of the comments refer to the temperature of the examination room, and others relate to the perception of right or wrong answers. Serious problems that need resolving are passed on to the FSBPT staff immediately. Any Board member may look at these comments.
3. Do we require foreign trained applicants to use the "course work evaluation tool?"
The Board voted many years ago to require the course work evaluation tool and credentialing from a Board approved credentialing agency as part of the requirements for foreign trained applicants.
4. To assure continuing competence did we ever talk about requiring the Jurisprudence examination to be completed at the time of each renewal?
The Board has had such discussion. However, there are a limited number of versions of the exam. The Board needs to discuss this further. One option would be to have the FSBPT produce a computerized examination.

Income summaries were distributed.

Income
Summaries

Shirley Leeper's report on the Continuing Education Committee indicated the Committee, consisting of John Baker, PT, Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson, Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member and Ann Tyminski, had met on September 16. They have suggested that the Board sponsored continuing education course be on Ethics to be held at Carroll Community College sometime in the Spring. John Baker, PT will contact Nancy Kirsch, PT who teaches ethics to see if she would be available.

Continuing
Education

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson and Lori Mizell, PT reported on the FSBPT meeting. There was a workshop on ethics in the workplace.

FSBPT

Joy Aaron reported on the FSBPT CBA meeting.

FSBPT/CBA
Meeting

Information

The Louisiana Board of Physical Therapy Summer 2008 Newsletter was given to Board members for review.

Louisiana
Newsletter

Paula Hollinger sent an e-mail to all Board Administrators with a contact list of Task Force members who were appointed by the Governor.

Task Force
Membership

In an e-mail, Sharon Bloom sent the Board the meeting schedule for the Task Force on Discipline of Health Care Professionals. The first meeting will be held on September 26th from 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. at the University of Maryland School of Law, Room 106 (the Krongard Room). Tentative dates for future meetings are: Friday, October 10, 10-12 p.m.
Monday, October 20, 10-12 p.m.
Friday, November 14, 10-12 p.m.

Task Force
Meeting
Schedule

The Maryland Chiropractic Board Newsletter was given to Board members for review.

Chiro
Newsletter

An article from the September 9, 2008 Frederick News-Post in reference to Buckeystown Veterinary Hospital offering physical therapy to animals was given to Board members for review.

Animal PT

The open session of the meeting adjourned and the Board entered closed session at 3:22 p.m. for the purpose of medical review deliberations of applications, according to Health Occupations Article, Section 10-508 (a)(13).

10/2/08
Date approved

Ann Tyminski
Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

Margery Rodgers, PT
Margery Rodgers, PT, Chairperson